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LINCOLN - We are pleased with the overall outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. The United States Supreme Court's decision adopts the Special Master's Report. The court's adoption of the Special Master's award of \$3.7 million in actual damages and \$1.8 million in disgorgement (\$5.5 million in total) to Kansas is significantly less than the more than \$80 million that Kansas originally sought.

The most important issue in this case from Nebraska's perspective has always been correcting the Accounting Procedures, which improperly charged Nebraska with consumption of Platte River imported water. The Court's agreement with Nebraska's correction of the Accounting Procedures will ensure that Nebraskans receive their full Compact entitlement, and that Nebraska is no longer improperly charged for using water to which Kansas is not entitled.

We hope the decision will move the Basin States forward and provide continued incentive toward shared solutions to our common problems. We are confident that payment of the Court's recommended award will finally allow us to leave the past where it belongs – in the past.

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